



oftentimes make librarians nervous. The goal of the workshop was to show librarians competent resources they can use for free when dealing with library patrons.

Presenters included Stephen Parks of the State Law Library, Tamara Nelson of the Rowland Medical Library, and Justin Huckaby of the Mississippi College Law Library.



## The Library at the Mississippi Library Association Annual Meeting

Stephen Parks attended the Mississippi Library Association's Annual Meeting in Meridian in mid-October. As the featured speaker for the Special Libraries Session, Parks spoke on the history and resources of the State Law Library. Congressman Gregg Harper was the General Session Keynote Speaker, and Parks was able to speak with him afterwards and thank him for his advocacy on behalf of Mississippi's libraries, particularly Mississippi's federal depository libraries, with the State Law Library being one of eleven dispersed throughout the State. At right, Parks is pictured with local author Anne Webster and Congressman Gregg Harper



At the Awards Breakfast, Parks accepted the Public Relations Award – Best Newsletter. This Award is given to a Library or Library Group to recognize a library's public relations activities. At left, he is pictured with Dr. Teresa Welsh, Director of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Southern Mississippi.

## Looking Back: Longtime State Librarian Retired 50 Years ago



**TO RETIRE** — Julia Starnes, who for 28 years has served Mississippi as state librarian, has announced to the Legislature she would retire Aug. 15. Mrs. Starnes received the tribute of a standing moment of silence by the House of Representatives for her service. In her letter of resignation, read to a hushed house, Miss Starnes said, "Many of you may graciously urge me to reconsider, but my mind is fixed, as I feel this course is definitely best for the state and me."

The longest serving State Librarian, Julia Starnes, retired fifty years ago in the summer of 1968. Well-respected among members of the Bar, Starnes was made the first woman honorary member of the Bar in 1957. At the left is a write-up from the May 30, 1968 Clarion Ledger.

Upon her retirement, the state Legislature passed a resolution commissioning a portrait of Starnes. It was completed and presented in 1971. The portrait by Jackson artist Karl Wolfe now hangs in the Library.



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*Holiday Open House*

at the  
State Law Library of Mississippi  
Thursday, December 13, 2018

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Gartin Justice Building • 450 High Street, Jackson,  
Second Floor MS 39201

Appetizers will be served. Attendees  
will be entered into a drawing to win  
one of 3 great prizes!

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays  
from the State Law Library

